

(By Geo. E. Bell, M.L.A.)

If a photograph or map were drawn illustrating the areas in North America in which the scourge of rats is well established, a surprising and alarming fact would be portrayed. Almost every other section of the country is affected with the existence of a vermin. But why not, you may ask, because of our laxity and complacency, because they are approaching our borders. And what does this influx of king-size rodents mean? In the problem of insect born diseases, the rat is an unpleasant and dangerous factor, for it is often the carrier of infection. Thus, if casual visitors were to find a foothold in Alberta our plague problem would become greatly com-

But considerable attention has been devoted to devising ways and means of preventing such an invasion. The Division of Entomology of the Provincial Department of Health is principally concerned with the prevention and control of all insect-borne diseases. Its work is painstaking and thorough, and a tangible example of the fact that where the safeguarding of human life is involved patients can be a highly expendable element.

With proper co-operation from the citizens of the province it is possible and even likely that Mr. and Mrs. Tat, as well as their family, will find a very discouraging welcome in Alberta, enough to persuade them that this is one venture in immigration that is to be undertaken.

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The democracies admit religion. Totalitarians bar it out. But it is one thing to admit religion and another to practice it. If in any democratic country a revival got underway, welling up into a wave of true unselfishness across the land, it would end all argu-

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ment as to the relative validity and worth of the "three R's." All three would pale to insignificance beside the "Fourth R" of new born responsibility, the selfless caring for each other which removes the need for regulation and replaces the desire for reward.

OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

ANTIQUE TABLE

By THOMAS H. MARSON

BUT, Madam," explained the floor manager of Gregory's Department store, "we can't locate the article you describe."

A voluptuous, well-stuffed, plainly foreign woman stood across the sparkling counter. She frowned; she fussed impatiently. He frowned; he fussed—but patiently.

"I tell you," she countered, "I bought a bedroom suite from this store. You guaranteed to put it away for me until we were ready for it in our new home."

"Yes, madam," replied the manager, "but I believe you said a moment ago it was just the table belonging to the suite that we kept for you."

"It isn't necessary to split hairs. I ordered a double bed, a chaise longue, a chair and a table. I have been dealing at this store for years."

"But you took the bed, chaise longue and chair, and left the table with us."

"That is correct," conceded the woman.

"I don't know what could have happened to it," argued the manager. "We are always careful with our records. Never has such a thing happened in this department."

The manager, a thin, plainly ill-fellow, wearing outstretched, horn-rimmed glasses, scratched his head a moment. The large, substantially built woman let her eyes wander over the glittering counter. Her fingers tapped impatiently on the glass top. The manager shifted from one foot to another.

"I demand to have that table!" shouted the woman.

"People hurried about the store. It was not far from closing time and very little time was spent on court-ship. Now and again a hapless shopkeeper juggled a bundle on the gaily tiled floor. Hordes of people bottlenecked upon the unfortunate, like an army of ants on a lump of wet sugar."

In a half hour Saturday night would be over for the clerks. They all watched the clock make its painful revolutions on the surface of the lighter disc. Everybody counted the minutes, except those searching for the big woman's table. Four hours had elapsed since she first came into the store and demanded the table at the counter.

As closing time approached the noise in the shop grew intense. It was hard to hear her rattling voice when she demanded, "Are your clerks all there?"

"I demand to have that table!" she repeated.

A cute young thing, frigidly bundled together in a light green frock, stepped up to the manager—the tired, ill-fitted floor manager with the horn-rimmed and outstretched glasses, standing on the other side of the counter from the fuming, exasperating woman dressed in black. She stepped a few feet from the pair, stepped forward, then back—not sure whether to intrude.

"Yes, what is it, girl?" demanded the manager.

"As she opened her mouth to speak, the big woman with her with a look of indignation, the pencilled black eyebrows raised in a note of expectation, and seemed to suspend themselves, during the tiny girl to say:

"I'm sorry, madam, but we have just not been able to find the table. The staff have searched the will call room, stock room, and repair department and all the files."

The big woman fairly exploded. "You mean to tell me that all your employees are so stupid they can't locate my table? This is an outrage! I demand to have that table!"

The floor manager, wilted by these remarks, shrank from the woman across the counter, and steeled his puny physique before the tiny salesgirl.

He eyed her coldly and remarked, "This floor has the best reputation for accuracy in Canada. It is impossible that you cannot locate madam's table."

"I demand that you find it," added the big woman who had unwittingly allowed her eyebrow to fall back in place.

The manager yielded the tiny girl of once more, turned to the woman on the other side of the counter, and with an air of great confidence asked, "Madam, we don't like to do this... but... it would help me greatly if you could show us the bill. Under-stand, there is no offence. We hate to... well, it seems to imply..."

"The big woman sighed, "Of course I have my bill. I'll find it in my purse. Just one moment."

A profusion of lipstick, handkerchiefs, powder puffs, keys and compact and a billfold were straight-forwardly deposited on the counter. She grabbed the billfold, which dropped out lustily, and searched its contents.

"Here it is," she exclaimed. The manager handled the yellowed piece of paper, looked at it a moment and then turned a delicate shade of blue around the neck.

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Salem of Canada
Set All-Time Record

Following the trend of recent years, sales again established an all-time record for the Gypsum, Lime & Cement, Canada, Ltd.

Net earnings before taxes amounted to \$1,683,415.73 or \$3.82 per share. Requirements amounted to \$835,000.00 or \$1.89 per share, resulting in a net addition to surplus account of \$848,415.73 or \$1.83 per share.

Capital expenditures amounted to \$848,415.73, distributed about evenly among the company's more important plants across Canada.

A directors' report that with continued activity in the construction industry, they are looking to the future with complete confidence.

A dividend of \$1.00 per share for 1948 has been declared payable quarterly.

RECIPES

CREAM OF POTATO SOUP

- 4 medium-sized potatoes
- 1 medium-sized onion
- 2 tablespoons fat
- 1 quart of milk
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper

Peel potatoes very thin and cook in enough water to cover, until soft. Drain off water and save. Rub potatoes through a sieve. Heat milk, onion and potato water, (about 1 cup) in double boiler. Remove onion and add liquid to potatoes. Mix fat, milk with flour. Stir into hot soup.

Season and serve hot. Two tablespoons of finely chopped parsley added just before serving adds greatly to the attractiveness of the soup.

COCONUT CREAM PIE

- 1 cup scalded milk
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/2 cup eggs
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Add sugar, cornstarch and salt to egg yolks. Four scalded milk into this, return to double boiler, stir and cook until thickened. Add the butter, coconut and vanilla. Pour into a pie tin lined with pastry. Bake a hot oven (450 deg. F.) until the crust is set, then reduce the temperature to 325 deg. F.). The pie may be covered with meringue.

It takes 11 pounds of coal to haul a ton of freight one mile. 2768

Dr. Franklinsk Nemes and Wife

CZECH CANADA, I.R. ENVOY QUIT—Dr. Franklinsk Nemes, Czech main in Canada, announced that he has resigned his post and will leave in Canada as a private citizen. He said practically all his staff also has resigned and will remain in Canada. Four other members of the legion staff in addition to himself, would stay in Ottawa in private life. He added, The U.S. Czech envoy, Jural Slavik, also resigned his post in protest over the Communist coup in his homeland, Washington announced.

Fashions



Predicts Building Costs To Hold

FORT WILLIAM, —The cost of building a home this year will be virtually unchanged from that of last year—but for the same expenditure the finished product will likely be better, P. I. Tanner of Ottawa said.

Mr. Tanner, chief of construction statistics for the bureau of statistics, said in an interview the low-cost home was not in sight because there was no apparent reduction in the cost of materials and labor on the building horizon.

He held out no immediate hope for the return of pre-war building costs, low by present standards.

In 1946, construction of all types in Canada was worth \$868,000,000. In 1950 the all-Canada figure was \$373,000,000, and Mr. Tanner said he was confident the 1947 aggregate would surpass that of 1946.

TRACES OF EARLIEST CIVILIZATION FOUND

BAGHDAD, Iraq.—The department of antiquities said it had discovered the earliest civilization, the department said in a discovery in southern Iraq, the Ur of the Chaldees, is "a civilization older than the Abubid civilization, which dates more than 4,000 years before Christ."

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Western Briefs

VERNON, B.C.—The multi-million dollar building program prophesied for Vernon in 1948 is away to a good start. Permits issued up until the end of February total over half a million dollars, or \$553,363.

Vegetable growers in the irrigated sections of Alberta sold one million dollars worth of fresh vegetables to the canning plants last year. The 1,200,000 lbs. of the canned products were valued at \$1,000,000.

CARMAN, Man.—A fire in a potato pit on the farm of Ross Laycock near Carman, Man., damaged about 500 bushels of potatoes. The pit contained 5,000 bushels of certified seed potatoes.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.—A 10,000 fire made an apartment building plenty hot here but ninety-one-year-old T. J. Belsky was the coolest of four persons rescued. He got fully dressed, even to his necktie, climbed down a fire ladder and assisted a younger man to safety. "A man has to look respectable under all circumstances," he said.

VANCOUVER.—British Columbia could provide real competition to the Dutch daffodil and tulip industry—if he wanted to, in the opinion of Bert Jough, Dutch grower visiting Vancouver. Commenting on the 17,000,000 bulbs which Holland annually exports to the United States and Canada, Mr. de Jongh said bulbs could be grown here much cheaper than in Holland and constitute a real challenge to the trade.

Trip To Dieppe Set For August

LONDON.—The second annual Canadian pilgrimage to Dieppe, scene of the combined operations raid of 1942, will be held during the week of Aug. 10.

The Dieppe pilgrimage committee of the Canadian Ex-servicemen's Association of Great Britain announced that although last year's three-day trip to the channel port was confined to Canadians in Britain this year "the invitation can be extended in a limited way to those on the other side."

HUNGRY, NO DOUBT VICTORIA—In rentals court here a landlady sought eviction of a young married couple charging that their child chewed up rubber mats, was too noisy and plucked onions from the garden. Judgment was reserved.

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I WAS SURPRISED WHEN HE TOLD ME I WASN'T A PICNIC

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT. I'VE BEEN UNLUCKY IN MY LIFE. I'VE BEEN AGAINST THE ODDS

HOW IF IT WAS THAT YOU'RE SO ON A PICNIC

WELL, PARDON ME, NO GOOD AND JUST BEHIND!

WE'VE GOTTA DO SOMETHING TO MAKE IT RAIN!

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Town & District

Leith Gilbert spent Good Friday in town visiting his parents. He returned to Calgary that evening.

The snow around town has been slowly disappearing under the bright sun during the past week and in some places the grass is to be seen. The major drifts have melted very little.

Ted Varnold who operates a grain elevator at Queenstown decided to spend the Easter holidays with his parents in Gleichen. Since the roads were plugged with snow he hired a carriage to get home and also to avoid back.

The Easter parade in town proved to be a flop. We got up bright and early to see the parade but couldn't see any signs of one. Of course it could have been on another street and we were not in the right place to see it. Anyway the weather was ideal for a grand display.

Earl Etheridge was a happy man since Saturday. The municipal snowplow cleared the road of snow from the highway to his house Saturday afternoon and he can now get to town with out wading through many feet of snow. For a stretch of three

of four hundred yards along this road the depth of snow drifts was almost unbelievable. When it was finally ploughed the banks of snow on each side of the road was all of ten to twelve high. Earl has got a lot of snow to shovel out of the way before he will be able to get his car out of the garage and on to the road.

Owing to the shortage of feed hay is arriving from Manitoba and is being sold as fast as it arrives. The hay sells at \$28 a ton. Since ice covered ground plus the deep snow feed for stock is scarce and old straw stacks in some cases twelve years old are being sold for feed. We have heard of straw barns being stripped of straw to feed starving animals. It is said many horses have been found lying on the ground too weak to get up. When these cases are discovered the animals are shot and the hide and flesh disposed to people who are rising for bearing animals.

Don't marvel because grandpa is hale and hearty at 75. Chances are you'll live longer than he will. In bringing out the fact life expectancy today is almost two-thirds greater than it was 120 years ago. Dr. Finnan Bear, a soil chemist, recently claimed that longer life was probably through the use of commercial plant food. He attributed the increase in degenerative diseases of the heart, brain and

kidneys to the fact there were more old people living today than ever before. In 1850, before farmers began using commercial fertilizers, life expectancy at birth in the United States was given at 40 years, a similar figure held true for Canada. By 1910 when fertilizers were being used at the rate of over 2,000,000 tons annually, our life expectancy had increased to 45 years. By 1910, with fertilizer consumption exceeding 5,000,000 tons life expectancy rose to 53 years. When fertilizer tonnage 12,000,000 in 1914 life expectancy was 60 years. While he hesitated to claim fertilizers were responsible for our 20 years extra lease on life, he pointed out that livestock could avoid manured grass to the point of starvation but would pick out chemically fertilized grass and chew it down to the soil. This indicated they needed something the fertilizer supplied. In conclusion it has been shown repeatedly that emaciated, listless livestock can be made to flourish when their impoverished pastures are treated with chemical fertilizers, especially those which supply phosphate.

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By
DR. F. J. GLEICHEN
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MORE ABOUT SEED TREATMENT

Line Elevator Farm Service offers no apology for again emphasizing the importance and value of seed treatment for small grain crops, including flax, in 1918.

At the recent annual meeting of the Associate Committee on Plant Diseases (Dominion Department of Agriculture and National Research Council), plant pathologists and other crop specialists emphasized the importance of seed treatment in reducing the ever-increasing losses from smut and other seed-borne diseases. In Canada, and recommended that seed treatment be more widely and more judiciously practiced by prairie farmers this year.

Seed Treatment Recommendations. A brief, general interpretation of the official seed treatment recommendations for 1918 is as follows: (1) All wheat seed should be treated with an appropriate fungicide, unless it has been examined by accepted methods and found to be sound, healthy, and free from surface-borne smut. (2) All seed of oats, barley and flax should be treated with an appropriate fungicide. (3) In the treatment of seed grain farmers should follow carefully the instructions and directions of the chemical manufacturer.

Avoid Disease Losses. Farmers can avoid smut and other disease losses in 1918 by properly treating the seed they sow this spring. No farm practice will yield a greater return for the same investment in money and time than will seed treatment. For information on seed treatment consult your local Agricultural Representative, or write to the nearest Dominion Laboratory of Plant Pathology (Winnipeg, Saskatoon, or Edmonton), or to the Line Elevator Farm Service, Winnipeg or Calgary.

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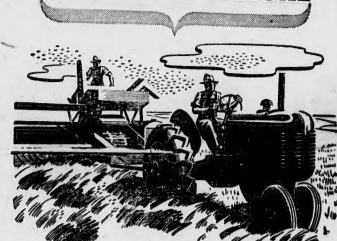
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HELP IN CASE OF ACCIDENT

In all cases of serious shock or injury, send for a doctor or ambulance at once. In the meantime, apply first aid promptly but not hastily.

BLEEDING WOUNDS—Bleeding in spurts indicates severing of an artery. Steady flow indicates a vein has been cut. Bleeding from an artery should be stopped by applying pressure of the thumb, a compress or cloth pad over the artery at a point between the bleeding wound and the heart. In bleeding from a vein (steady flow), pressure should be applied on the side away from the heart. Where bleeding is not severe, a compress over the open wound is sufficient. If bleeding is very severe, tourniquet may be made by tying handkerchief, cloth, belt, or necktie around the part over compress and using small stick, pencil or similar article with which to twist and tighten. Do not twist too hard, just enough to stop bleeding. Loosen every twenty minutes to let a little blood escape. Keep the part elevated.

SHOCK—Lay patient flat on back with false teeth, gum or tobacco from mouth. Keep patient warm. Give stimulants such as aromatic spirits of ammonia in water, hot coffee, tea or water. Do not give stimulant to unconscious patients, or one who may have internal bleeding.

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